

THE PRESIDENT'S INTELLIGENCE CHECKLIST

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TOP SECRET

1. Laos

a. Souvanna is scheduled to go to Hanoi today to see if a personal complaint will be of any avail in getting the North Vietnamese to withdraw their troops.

b. The query he sent out to regional military posts for evidence on the North Vietnamese presence garnered him at least some return.

[redacted] in central Laos the North Vietnamese had not budged at all. [redacted]

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c. A top South Vietnamese official tells us that there is now a good chance that President Diem will relent on his decision to break relations with Laos.

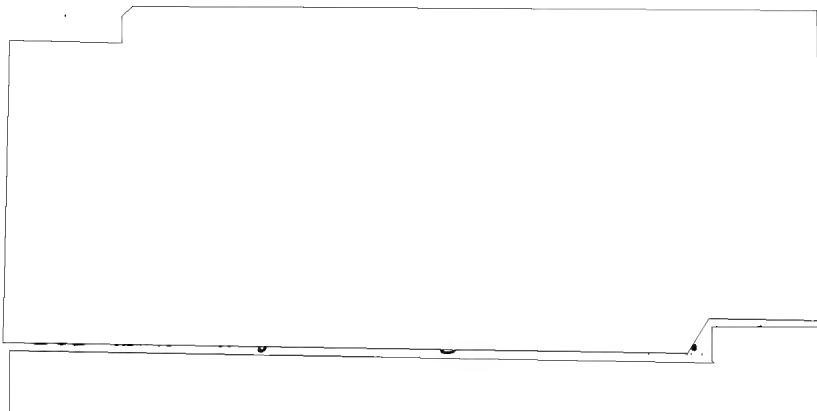
2. India -
Communist China

a. The fighting goes on unabated at both the eastern and western extremes of the Sino-Indian border. New Delhi, claiming heavy casualties on both sides, admits the loss of some seven border posts before what is alleged to have been a massive Chinese assault.

b. Indians, including Krishna Menon, are now using the word "war" freely to describe the situation.

3. Algeria-UAR

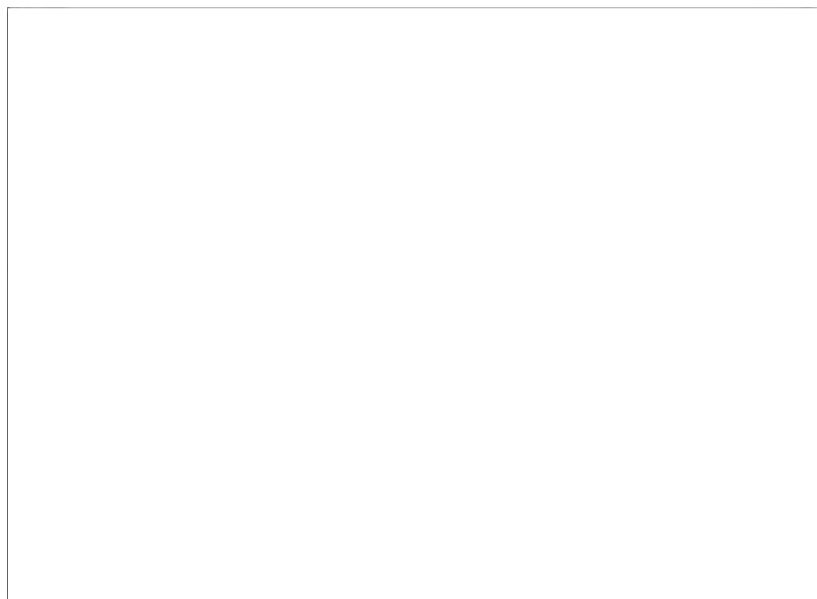
a. Cairo is apparently ready to bid high to establish itself as the prime influence on the Algerian military.



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4. West Germany



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NOTES

- A. UN U Thant seems to have all but decided to seek re-election. Although he will fight any move by the Soviets to keep the "acting" in his title and to limit him to another two or three years, he is not eager to serve another five years beginning from next April. He wants instead to have his term date from 1961 when he first took over, letting him bow out earlier while preserving the principle of a five-year term.

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